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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT WITH TRAVERSE

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to a February 10, 2009 election requirement. This response is timely filed because it is accompanied by a Two-Month Extension of Time and the appropriate fee.

In the election requirement, the examiner identified more than one group of claims subject to an election as follows:

Claim 1 is generic (Action, p. 4).

Species 1 (Claims 2 and 3) – directed to a driving device including a driving unit.

Species 2 (Claim 4) – directed to a milking area within the circular cowshed.

Species 3 (Claim 5) – directed to a part of the milking area located outward of circular cowshed.

Species 4 (Claims 6 and 7) – directed to a loafing area including a resting area.

Species 5 (Claim 8) – directed to a milking area having multiple milking places.

Species 6 (Claim 9) – directed to a milking area having side by side parlors.

Species 7 (Claim 10) – directed to a milking area including an automated milking system.

Species 8 (Claim 11) – directed to a milking area having a through passage and automatic gate.

Species 9 (Claim 12) – directed to having at least one selection sector.

Species 10 (Claim 13) – directed to having at least one animal identifier.

Species 11 (Claim 14) – directed to the cowshed having at least one walkway.

Species 12 (Claim 15) – directed to a circular cowshed having at least one alley extending in a radial direction.

Species 13 (Claim 16) – directed to at least one feeding area between two adjacent resting areas.

Species 14 (Claim 17) – directed to having a pre-waiting enclosure in front of the milking area.

Species 15 (Claims 18 to 21) – directed to having an automated cleaning mechanism.

Species 16 (Claims 22 and 23) – directed to an outward bedding spreader.

Species 17 (Claim 24) – directed to having a logic unit.

Species 18 (Claim 25) – directed to a cowshed having a tent shaped roof.

Species 19 (Claims 26 and 27) – directed to at least two cowsheds share at least one common milking area.

Provisional Election

Applicants provisionally elect Species 1 having claims 2 and 3 (Action, p. 3).

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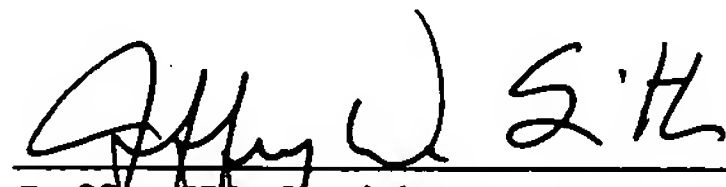
Traverse

Applicants respectfully submit that claim 18 (automated cleaning mechanism), claim 19 (rotating cleaning unit), claim 20 (sweeping unit), claim 21 (driving device and cleaner form one unit), claim 22 (automated bedding spreader), claim 23 (bedding spreader coupled to a driving device), and claim 24 (logic unit) have the same or corresponding technical feature of a mechanized system for a circular cowshed, and should be examined together with Species 1. The mechanized system is used for animal control and maintenance of the cowshed. Thus, Applicants provisional election of Species 1 (claims 2 and 3) should also include Species 15 and 16 (claims 18 to 21, and 22 and 23, respectively.)

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants' provisional election of Species 1, should also include Species 15 and 16 for examination.

Respectfully submitted,



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